

# ANDREW GAO

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## EDUCATION

### Algonquin Regional High School

Senior

Northborough, MA

Expected Graduation: Jun 2018

- GPA (weighted): **4.96/5.00**, Rank: **12/343**
- ACT: **35/36**, SAT: **1560/1600**, PSAT: **1490/1520**, SAT Subject Tests: Math 2 (**800/800**), Chemistry (**800/800**)
- APs: Chemistry (5), Computer Science A (5), English Language and Composition (5), U.S. History (4), World History (4)
- Awards: National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, RIT Computing Medal, University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Award, St. Michael's Book Award, French Academic Excellence Award, National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Principal's List every semester

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Worcester Polytechnic Institute Bioinformatics & Computational Biology

Android Application Developer

Worcester, MA

Jun 2017 – Present

- Rebuilt user interface for an Android application that collects data on locations of threatened bumblebees in New England
- Implemented changes to Android application using Java and XML in Android Studio

### Self-Employed (Fiverr)

Freelance Graphics Designer

Southborough, MA

Oct 2014 – Present

- Designed custom social media graphics using GIMP for over 80 clients in 10 different countries
- Maintained a 5-star rating since inception and favorited by over 170 users

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### Yingkou Thrombosis Hospital

Volunteer

Yingkou, Liaoning, China

Aug 2017

- Shadowed lead radiologist and technicians for 100+ hours in order to learn about ultrasound, X-rays, and CT scans
- Observed laparoscopic surgery of the uterus and surgical procedures during a visit to the Yingkou Central Hospital
- Helped run general hospital errands and set up rooms in the newly opened hospital

### Selecta Biosciences

Selected Shadow Program Participant

Watertown, MA

Aug 2016

- Shadowed Head of Chemistry in the lab for a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, learning about lab procedures, pharmaceutical development, and drug delivery mechanisms
- Assisted in preparation of buffer solutions for protein conjugation

### Algonquin Peer Tutoring

Tutor

Northborough, MA

Oct 2016 – Present

- Tutored fellow students in chemistry, geometry, precalculus after school for multiple hours each month

## LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

### Algonquin Mu Alpha Theta, Mathematics Honor Society

Founding Member & Treasurer

Northborough, MA

Dec 2016 – Present

- Founded local Mu Alpha Theta chapter to promote and recognize mathematical scholarship in the school
- Managed collection of dues and organized fundraisers each semester

### Algonquin Science Research Club

Founder & President

Northborough, MA

Sep 2016 – Present

- Designed and programmed Arduino boards in order to measure light levels on the roof of the school
- Created a kinetic mural dedicated to school's retiring principal, incorporating solar panels and 3-D printed parts

### Algonquin Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)

Senior Member & Project Committee Member

Northborough, MA

Sep 2015 – Present

- Awarded first place in the EMT event of the 2017 Massachusetts HOSA competition
- Planned school-wide events such as an American Heart Association fundraiser and an experiment about test-taking strategies

### Algonquin FRC Team 1100 Robotics

Senior Member, Manipulator Subteam

Northborough, MA

Sep 2014 – Present

- Used Solidworks CAD and power tools to design and engineer various parts for precise object placement
- Volunteered at local events such as Applefest, Heritage Day, and FLL qualifiers for community outreach

### Algonquin Math Team

Varsity Team A Member

Northborough, MA

Sep 2014 – Present

- Achieved highest score of all team upperclassmen, ranking top 30 in the Worcester County Math League for 2016-17
- Assisted in organizing practices and recruiting over ten new members

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (Conversational), French (Basic)

**Computers:** GIMP, Java, XML, C++, HTML, CSS, Bash, Batch, Linux, Terminal, Blender VSE, Solidworks

**Interests:** Volleyball (Varsity setter and JV co-captain), Music (Piano and alto saxophone), Programming, Graphics, Drawing, Photography